UAE is part of the rationalization of the National Labour Policy by the Government of UAE. These steps are non discriminatory between different nationalities which provide the expatriate labour force to that country, and therefore, it would be difficult for India to advocate a change in their approach.

World Bank aided schemes for youth in Gujarat

2720. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are implementing World Bank aided schemes for the youth in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the role being played by the State Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Pensionary benefit scheme for unorganised workers

2721. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to launch a new pensionary benefit scheme for welfare of the workers in unorganised sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (c) The Employees Pension Scheme, 1995 framed under the provisions of the Employees' Provident Fund & Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 is already applicable to 180 industries/classes of establishments employing 20 or more persons. The Government is making concerted efforts to extend pension cover

to identifiable groups in the unorganised sector under the Employees' Provident Fund Scheme. The Government has recently launched a social security scheme for agricultural labour namely 'Krishi Shramik Samajik Suraksha Yojana 2001' through the Life Corporation of India (LIC) in SO selected districts aiming to cover around 10 lakh agricultural workers over a span of 3 years. The benefits under the scheme, *inter-alia,* include pension and superannuation benefits to the agricultural workers.

Unemployment problems in HP

2722. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to remove the problem of unemployment particularly in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to introduce a system "One employment in a family" in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) The planning for employment is a part of the five year plans. The approach to the Tenth Plan focusscs on providing gainful high quality employment to the additions to the labour force and it is listed as one of the monitorable objectives for the 10th Plan and beyond. The growth strategy of 10th Plan would lay emphasis on rapid growth of those sectors which arc likely to create high quality employment opportunities and deal with the policy constraints which discourage growth of employment. Particular attention would be paid to the policy environment influencing a wide range of economic activities which have a large employment potential.

Government is also implementing special programmes for eradication of poverty and generation of employment. The major poverty alleviation programmes, which provide employment in the